Independent' dated the 3rd December, 1990, published from Bombay under the heading "Indian firms in shady rackets of ~ money laundering in Sikkim" **P**

(b) if so, -whether the Income Tax Department have taken any action against the firms involved; and

(c) if the answer to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative; what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, sir.

(c) Investigations have revealed that certain business concerns have been engaged in laundering their undisclosed income through individuals and companies registered in Sikkim since Indian Income tax Laws were not applicable to Sikkim at the reve-vant time.

Notices under section 148 of the Income tax Act, have been issued to bring to tax income escaping assessment in respect of certain companies incorporated in Sikkim as the enquiries showed that the control and management were wholly in Delhi. These proceedings have been stayed by the Sikkim High Court.

नागपुर में बंबई उच्च न्यायालय की एक न्यायपीठ की स्थापना

*40. श्री विश्वास राव रामराव पाटिल: क्या विधि और न्याय मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या महाराष्ट्र सरकार ने नागपुर में बम्बई उच्च न्यायालय की एक न्यायपीठ की स्थापना करने के लिए कोई प्रस्ताव केन्द्रीय सरकार को प्रस्तुत किया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में क्या ब्यौरा है ; और

(ग) केन्द्रीय सरकार की उस पर क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री साथ में न्याय मंत्रालय का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (डा० सुब्रह्मयन स्वामी) : (क) मुंबई उच्च न्यायालय की एक स्थायी न्यायपीठ 1-5-1960 से नागपुर में कार्य कर रही है ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

Refund of Extra Excise Duty Collected

41. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMARAO PATIL:
SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision on the excise and customs duties refund issue; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether the resentments expressed by the Members of Parliament during the last Session of Parliament about the unjust refund to excise duty to the industrialists which was not due to them but to the consumers has been taken into consideration while taking a decision in the matter; and

(c) what are the figures of such excise duty repaid during 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90 and how much of this amount was paid to each party along with their names during each year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) The Govern-